



**POSTAGE STAMP POST OFFICE**

Although growth is a key word on the campus of El Camino college, the post office located on the rapidly-expanding educational facility is one of the smallest in existence; it is also a rarity among the nation's colleges. In the above photo, Sue Phillips, a member of the campus business office staff transacts postal business with Eugene Carson, book store manager.

# PINT-SIZED POST OFFICE FAMOUS NATION-WIDE

While other colleges and universities may boast of their magnitude in particular instances, El Camino college takes an opposite view and claims the smallest—post office, that is.

ECC's tiny, but busy post office measures five and a half by three feet and no other post office can make that claim.

"We continually receive mail from almost every state in the union requesting stamp marks, cachets or slogans," Postmaster Carl G. Arfwedson boasted of the Torrance substation.

Requests from Terre Haute, Shreveport, Fort Lauderdale, Hartford, Syracuse, and Seattle keep Eugene Carson, ECC book-

store manager who handles the post office work, busy with "extra-curricular" activities related to his job.

The ECC post office has been in operation for the past six years.

Largely through the efforts of Congressman Cecil R. King, the post office was established. Since El Camino college was in no particular district, the need for a post office was "important and finally came to reality."

ECC is the only junior college to have a post office on campus and aside from Stanford university is the only college in the states to have a postal facility of this type on campus.

# Torrance Youth Killed, Hit-Run Suspect Held

Two youths, one from Torrance, were killed and a Gardena man was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter and hit-and-run driving Saturday.

Killed as they were walking along Vermont ave. near El Segundo blvd. were Leonard W. Glass, 17, of 3220 W. 188th st., Torrance, and William L. Short, 17, of 13 W. 186th st., Gardena.

**BULLETIN:** Gray was released from jail on a writ, pending his arraignment Friday, according to California Highway Patrol reports.

Arrested at his home after leaving his stalled car was Donald J. Gray, of 2217 W. 161 st., Gardena.

California Highway Patrol officers said Glass and Short were walking along Vermont ave. near El Segundo blvd. about 2 a.m. Saturday when they were struck by a car, which hurled them into the air.

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# Conference To Determine Local Hospital Boundaries

A conference seeking to clarify and possibly alter the State's geographical definition of the Torrance and South Bay area with regard to boundaries considered in establishing hospital bed-needs was slated for Tuesday.

Representatives of Torrance area industries, the Little Company of Mary hospital, and Torrance Memorial hospital were

scheduled to meet at Berkeley with Dr. Malcolm E. Merrill, director of the Department of Public Health and Gordon Cummings, chief of the Bureau of Hospitals.

Slated to attend were Robert J. Plomert, Jr., General Petroleum corporation; Fred Mill, National Supply company; Reid Parkin, Doak Aircraft company and chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax committee; Len Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial hospital; and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of Health and Hospitals for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and spokesman for the Little Company of Mary.

The present Bed-Need Boundaries, established by census tracts and defined as "State Plan Area 91-r" by the State Bureau of Hospitals, are believed by local industrialists to cut through the city in such a manner that several large industrial properties are not included in Area 91-R, but are placed in the Hawthorne-Ingleswood territory.

Should this be established as a fact at the Berkeley conference.

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# 3 Trips To Las Vegas Offered By Merchants

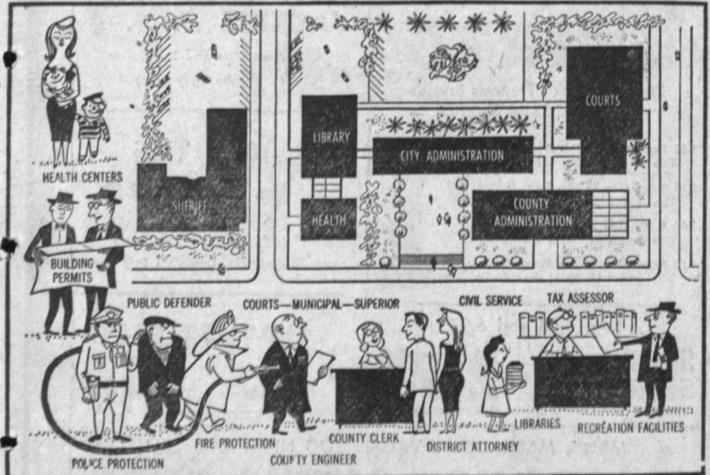
Three couples will have a chance to spend three nights and two days in Las Vegas, as part of the Dollar Day promotional activities sponsored by the Retail Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The couples will fly to Las Vegas through the courtesy of Western Airlines.

Entry blanks may be obtained from participating merchants, who represent the leading stores in town, as of February 7.

The Dollar Day week-end will be held February 21-23, and winners will be announced Saturday, February 23.

There are no other requirements for participating except to fill out one of the blanks.



**PATTERN FOR PROGRESS**

This drawing depicts what a typical branch civic center will comprise and the services it will offer to residents in nearby incorporated and unincorporated areas. In the 26 cities where the Board of Supervisors have planned branch centers, County facilities will be integrated, as far as possible, into the city's own plans for its civic center so as to produce a center of greatest usefulness and convenience to families in the area.



# TWO DRUNK SAILORS BEAT UP DEAF MAN

## 'Good Samaritan' Nearly Unconscious

Two drunken sailors mauled a deaf man who tried to help them Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Victim of the vicious kicking and beating which left him nearly unconscious is Wilson B. Hill, 32, of 17823 Evelyn.

Hill was knocked down and kicked about the head and body. One of the suspects threatened to kill him, according to Torrance police.

Booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, which was later reduced to assault and battery and drunkenness are Harold W. Mikel, 20, and Harry Wilbur Ausmus, 20, of the US Navy.

The trouble started at the Villa Capri, 2700 Redondo Beach blvd., where Hill was waiting for his wife, a waitress, to get off work, according to Capt. Ernie Ashton of the detective bureau.

**Entered Restaurant**

Hill noticed the two sailors, and other in their party, enter the restaurant. Since he can read lips he saw that they were asking directions. He went over to offer his help. The two sailors started using foul language toward him. When he walked out of the restaurant, the two sailors followed. Outside, they struck him repeatedly, knocking him down. Then, according to Hill, they kicked him around the head and body "until I was almost unconscious."

Thereupon they jumped into their car and drove off. In the meantime, Lou Ann Middleton of 4048 West 165th st., who had witnessed the proceedings, rushed to Hill's wife, Wanda, exclaiming,

"There's trouble outside! It's yours!"

They rushed out in time to see Hill being helped into the police car. Police Officer Don Hartel and Reserve Officer Blainhard, who responded to the call, took the three along in an attempt to locate the sailors.

They saw them getting out of a car elsewhere on Redondo Beach blvd. and made the arrest. During the trip back to the police station, Ausmus kicked out the left rear window of the police car.

Sgt. Ted Morris of the detective bureau was present for the interrogation and arrest.

## KIWANIS OFFICERS INSTALLED

J. A. Barrington was installed as president for 1957, of the Kiwanis club of Torrance, Saturday evening, January 26. The installation dinner and dance were held at the Palos Verdes Country club.

Installing officer was Dr. H. A. Wood.

President Barrington is the son of H. C. Barrington, long-time Torrance resident and founder of Barrington Welding Works, and assist his father in the operation of the business.

Other officers installed were: K. L. Anderson, first vice-president; B. I. Johnson, second vice-president; A. E. McVicar, secretary; and C. J. Meadway, treasurer.

Directors installed for the year were K. S. Avera, R. W. Clayton, W. N. Laster, J. P. Montague, W. R. Noel, G. W. Pfeil, J. A. Post, R. S. Pyle, A. W. Smith. Installing officer was Lt. Governor Clyde Walker.

Immediate Past President J. M. Doss was installed by Past Lt. Governor. Clyde Lheureaux.

## Shoestring Committee Will Meet

Annual report by Councilman John S. Gibson and a speaker from the police department on the juvenile narcotic problem will be dual events for the regular meeting of the Shoestring Advisory committee on February 5, it was announced today by Herman Eisenbeiss, chairman.

The meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. is open to the public. Councilman Gibson will review improvements of 1956 in his annual report to the group and will outline projects to be sought in 1957.

Sgt. Tom McTighe of the Los Angeles Police department's Juvenile Division will speak on the growing menace of narcotics among juveniles in the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. Ralph Robertson, hostess, will be in charge of refreshments, according to Mrs. Harold T. Unander, press chairman.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

**ANNEXATION:** Legality of Torrance's proposed annexation of the Crenshaw-Rolling Hills area was questioned by the County Boundary commission on two grounds: 1) the area contains more than 12 residents, and may not be annexed under the uninhabited land act except as requested by the residents; and 2) the merger would divide the proposed city of Rolling Hills Estates into two non-contiguous parcels.

**PUBLIC RECORDS:** Councilman Bob Jahn moved that any councilman or citizen may ask that certain parts of council procedures be transcribed verbatim. Tapes will be kept 30 days. The council approved.

**MOVE-UP PAY:** Proposals to end the problem of move-up pay in the Police and Fire Departments were accepted by the council. Fire Chief J. Jay Benner called for the temporary appointment of two engineers until June 30. The council made the appointment probationary instead, at request of Jerry Holloman, spokesman for the Firefighters Local. Police Chief Haslam called for promotion of three officers to sergeant. Move-up pay would be made on the third day and retroactive the first two days.

**ALLIED GARDENS:** Residents in Allied Gardens near the shopping center at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes dr., complained of bad drainage facilities, which caused water to flow onto their property. Councilman Willys Blount placed responsibility squarely with the owners of the commercial property. "The development there isn't over," he said, "and I think we can make life pretty miserable for the gentleman." Mayor Isen said that it should be strongly suggested that they cooperate.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Petitions containing about 200 signatures indicated that residents in Waleria, especially members of the Waleria Businessmen's assn., would like to see a liquor license granted Lemuel E. Thompson for his restaurant at 3800 Pacific Coast Hwy. The council went on record in opposition last week, because of a near-by park. It was pointed out that the park is not within easy access of the restaurant. The council is reconsidering the matter.

**LAND INVESTIGATOR:** The city manager was virtually given the council's approval to transfer one of the building inspectors to the Planning office for land-use investigation, on a temporary appointment, if the jobs are similar. Stevens, it was pointed out, has this right regardless of council approval. The post involved is that vacated by J. A. Beasley.



**NEW PRESIDENT**  
J. A. Barrington (R) receives gavel of office from Dr. H. A. Wood, installing officer.

## EDITORIAL

# Shot-Gun Weddings, or Torrance Annexations

During the last few months Torrance has been filled with passionate annexation fever.

Upon looking at the way Torrance has gone about courting and wooing in all directions, we cannot help but feel that the whole situation is ridiculous.

There is nothing more pathetic and foolish than a one-sided romance, and from all indications, Lomita and Redondo Beach just don't want to get "hitched."

It looks to us as if the All-America City award has gone to our heads.

The move for annexation should come from the areas involved, rather than from Torrance.

Councilman Willys Blount summed up the absurdity of it all when he asked whether any overtures have been made yet to Los Angeles.

## All-America Honors Presented at Banquet

All-America City festivities were climaxed Saturday night with a banquet and dance, following a motor-parade participated in by service clubs, PTAs, civic, social and church groups; a flag raising ceremony; and a reception for visiting dignitaries.

J. W. Dailey, West Coast editorial manager for Look magazine, presented Mayor Albert Isen with the All-America city flag.

"Torrance is outstanding," Dailey said, "because it always kept in mind the human side."

Frank A. Vanderlip Jr., member of the National Municipal League Governing Council, presented Isen with the All-America plaque.

**Progressive**  
"You have created on foundations laid by Jared Sidney Tor-

rance a balanced community," Vanderlip said, stating that it took "initiative, farsightedness, and progressivism to bring Torrance to where it is."

The award, he said, is given for citizen teamwork rather than municipal perfection.

Mayor Isen, in accepting the honors on behalf of the city, said that "an All-America city does not mean an All-Perfect city."

**Not Perfect**  
Among tasks to be accomplished (Turn to Page 19)

# Branch Civic Centers Planned by LA County

To bring the services of county government "to the taxpayer's doorstep," Los Angeles county has embarked on a \$32 million program to create 26 branch civic centers.

The objective: to afford the convenience of suburban access to the facilities of government, for the residents of what will soon be the largest metropolitan area in the nation.

Facilities scheduled for Torrance and Lomita include: TORRANCE—county court building including municipal court, court clerk, marshal, district attorney, and sheriff. There has also been talk of an expanded county library for Torrance. LOMITA—county office building (building and safety).

With more than 5 million people in the county now, and 8 million anticipated by 1970, the problem of making available such facilities as courts, clinics, civil service, marshal's and sheriff's offices, the county engineer and building and safety departments, and the many other points at which the life of the ordinary citizen touches his county government has become acute.

"While it is perhaps more convenient to government itself to be centralized in downtown area, it is a hardship for the citizen living in a county of more than 4000 square miles," says Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The branch civic centers will make it possible for the average citizen to enjoy many of the services of county government without having to travel further than he would in a small community, and without long waits during periods

of congestion in centralized facilities. Supervisor Chace explained. The centers will serve the needs of residents of incorporated communities, as well as of the unincorporated areas of the county.

A typical center will include a public health clinic, library, Superior and Municipal Courts, an office of the District Attorney, a probation office, branches of the Building and Safety Department, as well as an office of the County Assessor.

The branch civic centers for suburban areas are one element in the Community Improvement program which total \$300 million, and which will include libraries, playgrounds, and recreational facilities. To date, \$10 million has been expended on the civic centers, and \$16 million is going into centers under construction or now on the drawing boards. In addition, \$6 million is earmarked for centers now being programmed.

In the Fourth District, Supervisor Chace said, the Long Beach county building now in the architectural planning stage will house municipal court, marshal, assessor, sheriff and health services, when completed.

Other projects intended for branch administrative areas in his district, Chace explained, call for county office buildings at Lomita, Torrance, Malibu, West Los Angeles and Culver City.

Services to be afforded residents in these areas will include courts, district attorney, sheriff, probation, library, building and safety, and the county marshal's office, he said.

## Sure-Fire Press Ads Sure Good

"I received calls for all the baby sitting I could handle the first day that my ad ran in the Torrance Press."

So stated Mrs. Richard Petty of 24836 Narbonne ave., Lomita.

Mrs. Petty, who was thrilled and impressed with her results, had placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

CHILD CARE in my home. In-fantile to 5. Fenced yard. Play-room. DA 6-1121.

It's so simple and inexpensive. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. There's a 30 cents discount if you pay at the time you place your ad. Call FA 8-2345 for quick, effective results.